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Happy New Year!

Judy's Wishes for the New Year

Peace on Earth

Personal Self Confidence & Earned Happiness — handouts only achieve short lived happiness

Adequate affordable housing — both here and in other countries, especially Haiti

Understanding and Bridging Cultures such as The Fuller Center's efforts to help build homes in North Korea

Good Health — knowledge of: drug abuse in destroying one's self; and that physical labor can improve fitness

Awareness of the needs of those around us and willingness to help — being "good neighbors"

I would like to thank all the people who helped us up in Mullan and at Sunny Slopes, and for the people who helped at the events this year.

Sincerely,
Mike Humphrey
SVFCH President

*"I see life as both a gift and a responsibility. My responsibility is to use what God has given me to help His people in need."
- Millard Fuller*

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 13:8



Our 2010 Christmas Potluck



A happy group enjoyed the food and fellowship at our annual Christmas potluck. Pictured here are Elda Brown and Chris Leetch (seated), Barb Fisher, Bob Larson, Pierce Otto, Beth Otto, Ben, Ruth & Jacki Huber, Stephanie Otto, and Rene Gilbert.
Photos by Judy



It was great to have our members of our 3rd homeowner family, Beth, Stephanie, and Pierce Otto, join us for the party. Stephanie was born after their home was built & Pierce was just a tot. The Ottos completed purchasing their home in 2009. ☺



New homeowner-to-be, Teresa Lavergne poses with good friends, Rick & Rene Gilbert.



New homeowner family, Jacki, Ruth, and Ben Huber enjoyed the party.

Reflection on friends who have passed on



Millard Fuller, who with his wife Linda, founded Habitat for Humanity and also The Fuller Center for Housing. This photo was from the Faith 2000 Conference in Seattle.
Photo by Judy



Fr. George King was the Chair of the Steering Committee before we were affiliated with HfHI. Here he presents a Bible to Lisa Lane during the Lane home dedication
Photo by William Bunton



Dick McPeak served as volunteer Const. Supervisor & finish carpenter on our 1st 6 homes.
Photo by Judy



Special volunteers: Nadyne Heglund Melior & Gladys Trecker.
Photo by William Bunton

Others: Bob Birdsell, Joyce Horvath, Ed Hendrickson, Jack Ledbetter, Bill Zanetti, Fr. Mel Sprute, Jim Cook, Wayne McPeak, Roger Fulton, Jim Roberts, Rev. Mike Harpel, and Lou Dugger. [Sorry if I've missed anyone.]



Jim & Elizabeth Lane

Founding member, Jim Shadle, plumbed our 1st 5 homes. He was a fantastic volunteer recruiter.

HOUSING IN RIO DE JANEIRO

By Verne Blalack (Verne & Judy spent 3 weeks in November visiting Chile, Argentina & Brazil.)



We toured 2 favelas and were allowed to take photos in only certain places in the first one. A member of the local drug gang was watching with his automatic rifle.

are the workers of Rio. They are the clerks, the bus drivers, the bus boys, the electricians, the concrete workers, the plumbers, the housekeepers and nannies, etc. They are the labor force of Rio. Thus, they bring their building skills to favela building. Some houses have electricity, plumbing, etc.

There are few streets. One street was built by the rich just to serve as a racing course, very steep and crooked, for an international event! Housing adjacent to roads with installed sewer and water lines have been able to get deeds to their property. Getting deeds to off road property is very slow in coming although everyone agrees who owns what and property is bought and sold. Without deeds, homeowners can't get regular loans on their property, which leaves millions of dollars of equity unavailable to homeowners as well as leaving millions of dollars of housing off the tax rolls of Rio. Off road dwellings have sidewalk "streets" with house numbers, mail delivery, electric meters, etc.

As Rio has some international events coming in the near future including the next Olympics, the government is attempting to make the favelas less of an eyesore in a relatively short time. Amazingly, the thousands of dwellings consist of many smaller communities, the richer ones complete with schools, churches, medical facilities, community centers, etc. The poorer ones have sewer challenges, drug gang wars, etc.,



The million \$ view of the resorts and lovely bay.

The land mass of Rio de Janeiro is a series of small valleys each with its beautiful beach separated by steep granite ridges. Because of the steepness of the ridges, tunnels connect all these valleys. The valleys contain the main shopping areas, hotels, banks, etc. The flat land is where most of the rich live with easy access to a private airport, a private yacht bay, private golfing, horse stables, etc.

The workers of Rio live in the "favelas", some of which are adjacent to the industrial areas near the docks and the rest on the steep granite slopes. As the first workers could not afford to live in the flats, they squatted on the hillsides adjacent to the rich upper class flatlanders. Later arriving workers built behind the original squatters. Today the steep slopes are covered with worker housing. Contrary to my expectations, the favelas aren't just slums with flimsy shacks. They are mostly masonry buildings. We were in a seven story one complete with a garage on the top floor with three newer vehicles. These favela dwellers



View of the 2nd favela from the balcony of a 7-story building with tiled walls. The government has taken an active role in civic improvements here. *Photos by Judy*

especially on the outskirts of Rio where newcomers use scrap materials for homes. As workers get richer and are unable to move to the flat areas, they reinvest their money in their favela community. Regardless of wealth, most favela dwellers have a million dollar view, looking down a valley, across a flat valley to a tropical sandy beach available to everyone.



This narrow way had a "street name" & house numbers.

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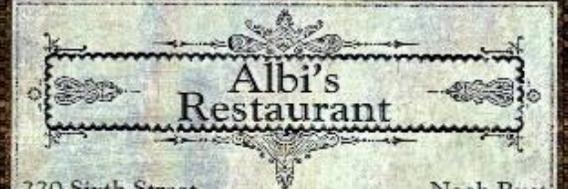
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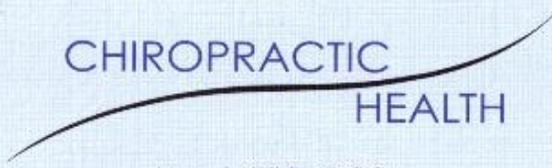
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We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Josephine Davis
In memory of Fr. George King
and of Fr. Mel Sprute*

*From Necia Wright
In memory of Harold Wright*

*From Judy & Verne Blalack
In memory of Vern Boje
and of Harold Wright*

 We thank Glory Carlile for her gift toward our Greater Blessings Projects.



Here's Help for SVFCH . . .

- ❖ I'd like to join the "300 Club" and pledge at least \$10 per month for one year. Please note 300 on your check.
- ❖ Here is my pledge for \$ _____ per month for one year.
- ❖ Here is my gift of \$ _____.
- ❖ I have a house and/or land to donate.
- ❖ I can make a no-interest loan for \$ _____. Please call about working out the details.
- ❖ I can provide construction materials either discounted or at no cost.
- ❖ I would like to help with construction and/or committee work. Please call me to help or send a volunteer form.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- I do not wish to be on your mailing list.
- I do not wish a receipt or thank-you.

Coming Events

Jan 18—Partnership/Construction Committees, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church, Kellogg
Jan 18—Board, (elections), 7 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church, Kellogg



We truly appreciate the gift from Tom and Marilyn Patton who joined the "300 Club" honoring Marilyn's sister and husband, Nancy and Richard Manley

We were delighted to receive this letter
From Connie & Tom Fudge:



"Hello and Merry Christmas!
This donation is made in honor of the following family and friends. It is a Christmas 'gift' to each of them.
You glorify God in all you do. Thank you and God bless each of you."

Friends:

David and Elayne Semko
Cindy Bachman
Bill and Carolyn Lenhard
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Family:

Mike and Sherry Cooper
John and Donna Anderson
Sara Wyckoff
Brad and Julie Smith
Jon and Emma Hicks
Donna Cooper
Mark and Amanda McKinley



There was plenty of food available at the Christmas potluck.

Photo by Judy



Wish List

- ❖ Friends—People who will serve as sponsors (friends) of the new Fuller Center families. Phone Norma at 786-9903
- ❖ Volunteers to serve on the PR/Fund Raising Committees. Phone Judy at 682-3240
- ❖ Volunteers to serve on the Hospitality Committee. Phone Judy at 682-3240
- ❖ Use of a building for a “Re-Use-Store” in our valley.



Judy Blalack meets with Matt Coleman, principal of Wallace High School, to discuss the use of this facility to house a Fuller Center Biking group in June. These bikers are traveling cross country from West to East. They will spend a day working at our construction site.

Photo by R'Gean Lillibridge



Last May, Verne & Bob discuss the construction of the “Little Shop’ while Skyler Wilburn paints the soffits. We still need to sell about 70 tickets before we can raffle it. In addition to the other businesses who are selling tickets, Kellogg Lumber Co, Ace Hardware, and Building Maintenance now have them for sale. **Remember, there is an offer of \$1000 for the winning ticket if you don't want the building.** Tickets are \$10 ea. or 6 for \$50

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